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President

Mr. Merrill S. Hohman
Waste Management Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 1
90 Canal Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02203

Dear Mel:

Over the last several weeks, you have received extensive documentation on our recommendation of capping as the most cost effective remedy in New Bedford Harbor. We have also submitted our written comments on the Hot Spot Feasibility Study of the EPA.

After the EPA has had sufficient time to review this material, we feel it would be useful to schedule a meeting with the EPA to discuss our respective positions. We are still hopeful that, through continued exchange of views between our various consultants at the technical level, a common cost effective remediation approach can be agreed with the EPA. Direct discussion in face-to-face meetings would accelerate the process of resolving the considerable differences between the EPA and PRP positions on remediation.

As you know from our formally submitted comments, we feel very strongly that, for the EPA to go forward to dredge the hot spot before deciding on the total remediation approach, makes neither environmental nor economic sense.

I hope you will agree that continuation of our technical discussions would be helpful -- before the EPA issues a ROD on the Hot Spot operable unit -- and look forward to hearing from you to schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,

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